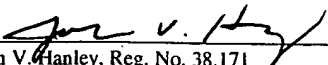


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 08/648,092

Filed: May 17, 1996

For: A METHOD FOR PREVENTING OR
CONTROLLING CATARACT

Examiner: Z. Fay

Group Art Unit: 1614

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February 5, 2003

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated November 5, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below. An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

14. (Amended) A method of preventing or controlling cataract or cataract-like disorders in the eye of a mammalian subject which comprises the step of administering to the subject an effective amount of one or more inhibitors of TGFβ.